

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 93 – HB 288

March 14, 2013

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires new students at any public higher education institution to present proof that they have received a vaccination against meningococcal disease prior to their enrollment unless they present a written statement from a physician certifying that the student is exempt from receiving the vaccine or a signed statement that the vaccine conflicts with their religious beliefs or practices. Prohibits parents or guardians from being prosecuted or being held civilly liable for failure to present such information for their minor student. New students at a private higher education institution shall return a waiver form to their institution indicating that the institution has provided information to them or their parent and guardian about the vaccine. Private higher education institutions shall not be required to purchase or provide the vaccine to students.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (003618, 003928):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Directs that this act be known and cited as the “Jacob Nunley Act”. Requires incoming students at any higher education public institution who live in on-campus housing to present proof they have received vaccination against meningococcal disease prior to enrollment. Authorizes exemption for students if they have a written vaccination exemption statement from a physician certified by the Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Osteopathic Examiners, or a health department, or a signed statement by an adult student or the student’s parent or guardian stating that such vaccination conflicts with their religious beliefs or practices. Declares that public institutions are not required to provide or purchase vaccines.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.


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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the Department of Health, the cost of required vaccination will be borne by the student.
- Vaccination records or exemption statements for this vaccine will be included with other required materials in the student's file. Any increase in state expenditures for public higher education institutions to keep these records on file is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" and last name "Geise" clearly distinguishable.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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